

## **XI. PUBLIC USE REGULATIONS**

- A. The department's public use regulations, 12.8.201 through 12.8.213, ARM, apply to all department lands including Smith River State Park and shall be indicated through signs, the Smith River State Park web page, and the private float information packet.
- B. Public use regulations as applied to Smith River State Park include but are not limited to the following:
- i. All persons with a permit to float the Smith River must camp at designated boat campsites when camping on public land.
  - ii. Pets are prohibited on all Smith River float trips with the exception of legitimate service dogs and hunting dogs used for lawful hunting purposes during legal hunting seasons.
  - iii. No person may build or maintain a fire except in the metal fire rings provided and maintained by the department.
  - iv. No person may cut live or dead standing trees for firewood or other purposes.
- C. \*To minimize human-bear and other wildlife conflicts and thereby provide for public safety the following food, garbage and attractant storage regulations are established for Smith River State Park and River Corridor from March 1 to December 1 annually:
- i. During daytime hours Smith River floaters and other recreationists in Smith River State Park must store all food, garbage, and other attractants in a bear-resistant manner using one or more of the following methods, at all times except when in immediate use and/or when attended:
    - Secured in a portable bear resistant container, portable electric fence, or other storage device or system approved for such use by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC).
    - Secured in any home-made storage container or device that has passed an Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) courtesy inspection or testing program and has been approved as bear-resistant.
    - Suspended at least 10 feet vertically above the ground and four feet horizontally from the trunk of a tree or other upright support that a bear could climb. Cutting, limbing, nailing into or otherwise damaging trees and/or constructing a fixed device is prohibited.
    - Secured inside a hard-sided vehicle, camping unit or towed unit (applicable at Camp Baker and Eden Bridge only).
  - ii. During nighttime hours, all Smith River floaters and other recreationists in Smith River State Park (including all designated boat camps) must store all food, garbage, and other attractants in a bear-resistant manner using one or more of the following methods, at all times except when in immediate use:
    - Secured in a portable bear resistant container, portable electric fence, or other storage device or system approved for such use by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC).
    - Secured in any home-made storage container or device that has passed an Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) courtesy inspection or testing program and has been approved as bear-resistant.
    - Suspended at least 10 feet vertically above the ground and four feet horizontally from the trunk of a tree or other upright support that a bear could climb. Cutting, limbing, nailing into or otherwise damaging trees and/or constructing a fixed device is prohibited.
    - Secured inside a hard-sided vehicle and/or camping unit or towed unit (applicable at Camp Baker and Eden Bridge only).
- D. \*All approved food and attractant storage methods or equipment must be installed and/or utilized in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- E. Attractants (including food, food leftovers, food residue, grease, etc.) shall not be buried, discarded, deposited in pit toilets or burned or deposited in the fire grate or open fire.
- F. All garbage and refuse, including food, food leftovers, food residue, grease, etc.) must be properly attended or stored as referenced above and must be packed out.
- G. Food and attractant storage regulations shall be prominently signed and posted and shall be included in the terms and conditions for Smith River float permits.

***\*Items C and D will take effect beginning January 1, 2016.***